

## CITY OF TRENTON AT A GLANCE

### GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Trenton, site of both the New Jersey State Capitol and County Seat of Mercer County, is 7.5 square miles and is bordered on the west by the Delaware River. In 1697, a Quaker named Mahlon Stacy established the first grist mill in the area on the Assunpink Creek. In 1777, on Christmas night, General George Washington captured almost 1,000 British and Hessian troops in the surprise attack on Trenton. Trenton became an industrial giant during the 1800s and early 1900s and is now experiencing successful redevelopment.

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	85,403
1990 (Census)	88,675
2025 Forecast	86,500
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	11,387
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	27,802
Black	44,465
Asian & Other	13,136
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	18,391
Median Age, 2000	32.2
Total Households, 2000	29,437
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.75
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$31,074
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$11,018
1999	\$14,621

*Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,  
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002*

#### HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	33,578
2000 (Census)	33,843
Occupied, 2000	29,437
Owner	13,386
Renter	16,051
Vacant, 2000	4,406
Single-Family, 2000	20,783
Multi-Family, 2000	13,125
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	1

*Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor*

#### TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$1,851,082,630
County Equalization Ratio	100.33%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	3.97

*Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002*

#### EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	63,856
Private Sector Employment	
1980	26,558
1990	23,225

*Source: NJ Department of Labor*

#### Major Employers:

State of New Jersey  
St. Francis Medical Center  
The Times  
Capital Health Systems  
The Hibbert Group

*Source: County Division of Economic Development*

#### FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Trenton City Schools  
Grades 9-12, Trenton Central High School

**Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000                      13,839**

#### SEWER & WATER

Water: Trenton City Water Department  
Sewer: City of Trenton

#### RECREATION

Cadwalader Park  
Columbus Park  
Stacy Park  
Trenton Marine Terminal Park